(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial action taken by Government in this regard ;

(c) whether it is a fact that under the Centrally sponsored scheme of giving scholarships to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, the State Governments are required to pay monthly sum to such students for pursuing post-SSC technical and commercial courses ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to the information furnished by the Government of Gujarat, some allegations were made regarding siphoning off several crores of rupees of scholarship meant for SC, ST and Backward Classes students by bogus organisations on the basis of false certificates. This matter was entrusted to Anti-Corruption Bureau for inquiry. The Bureau has suggested to the State Government to get the accounts of these organisations fully audited before they could complete the investigation.

(c) and (d) The scholarship money under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarships to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Students is paid to eligible students by the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations in accordance to the procedure laid down by them in this regard.

Expansion and modernisation of Steel Plants

1085. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantum of financial allocation in the Seventh Five Year Plan period for the expansion and modernisation of each of the following integrated steel plants;

(i) Durgapur Steel plant,

(ii) Alloy Steels plant, and

(iii) the Indian Iron and Steel Company, Burnpur; and

(b) the progress achieved so far, in physical and financial terms in respect of these plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (b) In the Seventh Five Year Plan there is a provision of Rs. 460 crores for the modernisation and new schemes at Durgapur Steel Plant. There is no proposal for its expansion. An outlay of Rs. 25 crores was authorised for preliminary works of which Rs. 9.33 crores have been spent upto June, 1986.

The Alloy Steel Plant at Durgapur is being expanded and the Seventh Plan makes a provision of Rs.66.23 crores for this purpose. This Expansion Scheme is expected to be commissioned by June 1987. The total expenditure incurred on this Expansion Scheme upto June 1986 is Rs. 59.75 crores against a total estimated cost of Rs. 99.80 crores.

No provision could be made in the Seventh Plan for the modernisation of the Indian Iron & Steel Company. Efforts are, however, being made to explore the possibilites of obtaining technical and financial assistance from Japan for this scheme

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1086. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

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